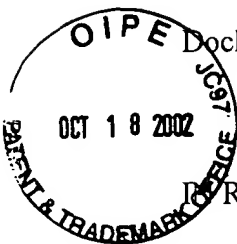


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BEFORE THE APPLICATION-OF )  
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SERIAL NO: 09/929,613 )  
FILED: August 13, 2001 )  
FOR: A Cable Separator Spline )

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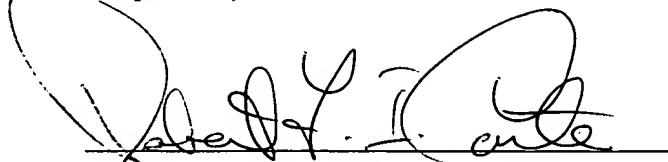
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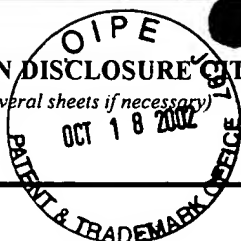
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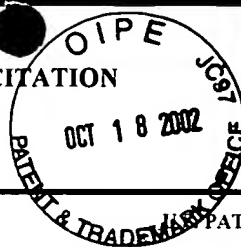

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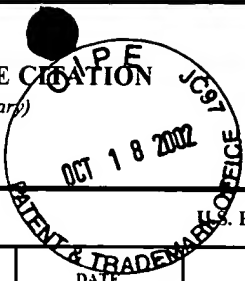

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